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Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session

Draft report

Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur

Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held its organizational session from 30 April to 2 May 2001, as recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development in its decision 8/1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 55/199, decided to convene the Commission to act as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___) and informal meetings.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Chairman of the Commission at its ninth session, Bedrich Moldan (Czech Republic) opened the session and made an opening statement.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement and presented the Summit web site.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, the CSD Youth Caucus-United Nations Association of Canada, the International Indian Treaty Council and the CSD Indigenous Peoples Caucus, the South African NGO Host Committee, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Trade Union Advisory Council to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives on behalf of local authorities, the International Chamber of Commerce on behalf of business and industry, the International Union for Science on behalf of scientific and technological communities, and the Taproot Farm, Orchas Island, Washington State.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 April, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement.

6. At the same meeting, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

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B. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman:

Emil Salim (Indonesia).

Vice-Chairpersons:

Maria Luiza RibeiroViotti (Brazil)
Richard Ballhorn (Canada)
Jan Kára (Czech Republic)
Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt)
Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica)
Kiyotaka Akasaka (Japan)
Ositadanma Anaedu (Nigeria)
Alexandru Niculescu (Romania)
Lars-Goran Engfeldt (Sweden)

C. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/2001/PC/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups.
4. Specific modalities of future preparatory meetings, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
5. Draft rules of procedure for the Summit.
6. Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session.

5. At its 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the requests for accreditation of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Islamic Republic of Iran, 1971) and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, as intergovernmental organizations, to participate in the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development with the status of observers.

D. Attendance

6. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ___.

[to be completed]

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at its organizational session are listed in annex ___ to the present report.